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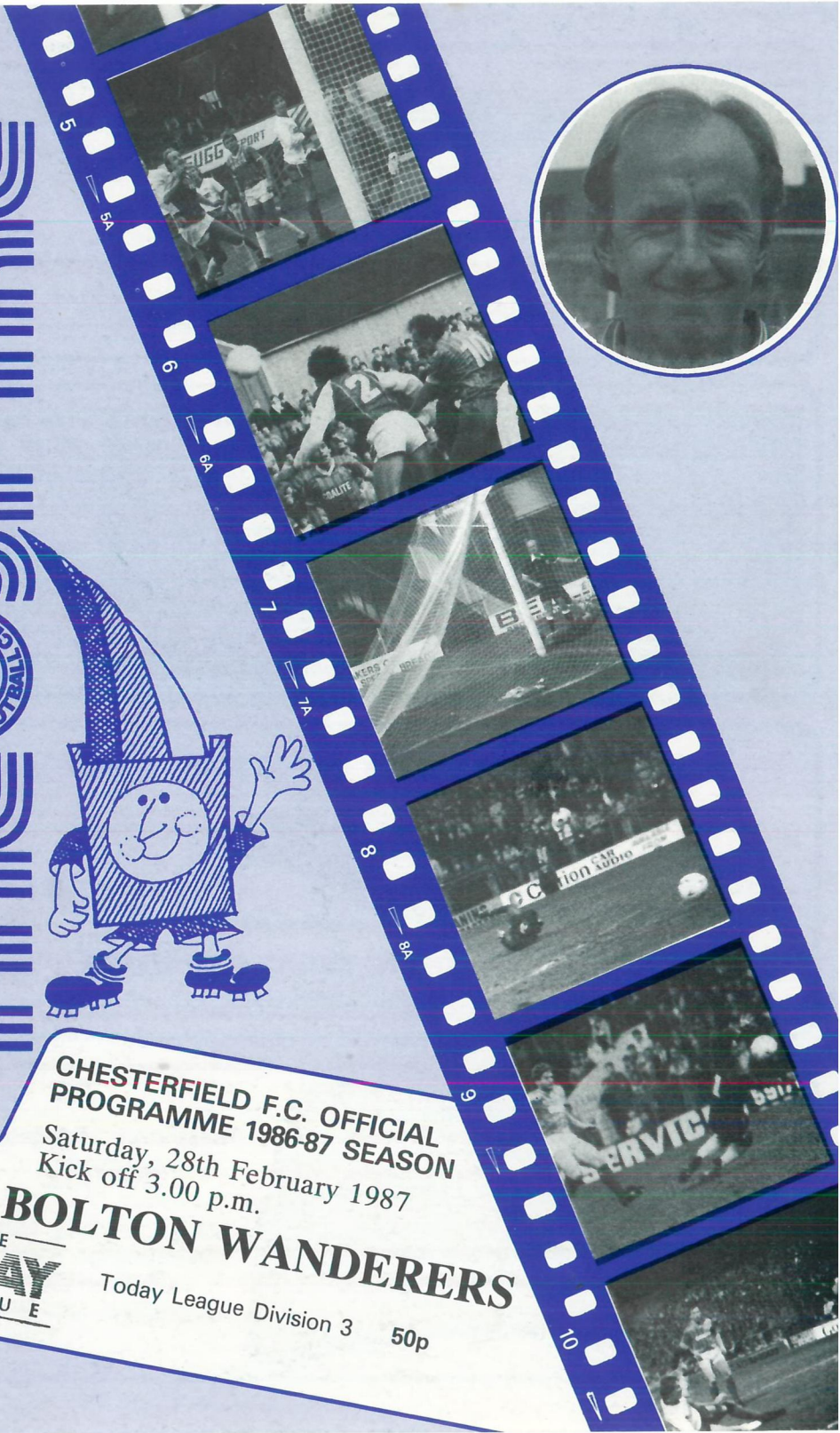


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Cover Pictures

Circle, Mick Henderson, our Skipper, who's seen in action in the first 2 Action pics. The other 4 show previous C.F.C. v Bolton action.

KICK-OFF



New Faces Old Heads



Darren Wood



Derek Walker



Bob Bloomer

Chesterfield's respectable position in the top half of the table so far this season is indeed remarkable when one studies the level of inexperience currently in the Chesterfield eleven. Unchanged in our last three matches, John Duncan's braves include youth and inexperience in abundance. At the start of this season Jamie Hewitt, Lee Rogers, Darren Wood, Bob Bloomer and Derek Walker had a total of twenty two full league games between them, but the now famous five have all staked their claim for a regular place in our Division 3 line up and with all five playing very well at the moment, they look set for a long run in the side. Hewitt was the experienced man of the five with sixteen full league appearances as a seventeen year old last term. He was eighteen just after the end of last season, and now he's a regular in the right-back role and approaching fifty games. Lee Rogers was released by Doncaster boss Dave Cusack last Summer, with just 1 Freight Rover game to his credit. He wrote to Chesterfield for a trial, made his first appearance for us at Frechville and within weeks he was in our first team, becoming a regular in the Autumn. A strong, no nonsense defender, the 20 year old has made the No. 3 shirt his own.

Darren Wood started the season as a seventeen year old YTS lad with a FRT substitute to his credit. Gary Bellamy's injury at Rotherham earlier this month allowed the Alfreton based defender to make his league bow and his three games to date have surely earned him a contract after his training finishes this Summer. An ex Mortimer Wilson schoolboy, Wood represented Mid Derbyshire boys before signing schoolboy forms for The Spirettes.

Twenty year old Bob Bloomer signed full time earlier this year after non-contract terms with the club for the past few years. The Sheffielder plucked from Wednesday's junior club Middlewood played six games last term without great success, but his pace and commitment have earned him a regular place now — and last weeks goal at Notts. was due reward for his unbelievable improvement.

Two goals from Derek Walker in 1987 have boosted the confidence of the 22 year old Scot plucked last Summer from Scottish junior football. A wide striking role seems to suit Derek best and his first touch since establishing his place in the side in December has come on a treat.

these five fighters are typical of the Saltergate Spirit. Keep it up lads — you're doing great!



A Carl Airey flick-on is headed into the net via the crossbar by Derek Walker in the 1—1 draw against Blackpool.

Martin Frost looks at our visitors

Bolton Wanderers F.C.



Bolton Wanderers F.C.

Back Row left to right:

Mark Came, Mike Salmon, Kevin Mailey, Simon Farnworth, Jimmy Phillips.

Middle row:

Steve Carrol (Youth Team Coach), Steve Thompson, Mark Winstanley, George Oghani, Steve Elliott Dave Sutton, Warren Joyce, Paul Clarke, Colin Irwin (Coach), Peter Nightingale (Physiotherapist).

Front row:

Paull Allen, Julian Darby, Mark Gavin, Phil Neal (Player/Manager), Derek Scott, Tony Cauldwell, Asa Hartford.

Bolton visit us today, giving us the chance of a second double this season. Our 2—1 victory at Burnden Park was our first and only away win this season until we beat Rotherham 1—0 at Millmoor on February 7th.

Wanderers last visit to Saltergate, on May 3rd, last season, left the club in eighteenth place in the Third Division, the clubs lowest ever league position. However, the 3—0 defeat that day was soon forgotten, when on the 24th May, Phil Neal lead out his team at Wembley in the Freight Rover Trophy Final. Despite another 3—0 defeat at the hands of Bristol City, it brought plenty of cheer to the 22,000 Bolton supporters present that day. This season, as with last season, the club, have been struggling in the lower regions of the Third Division. The prospect of another Wembley visit has also disappeared with a 2—1 home defeat at the hands of Chester in the Northern Quarter Finals.

Our Opponents Squad — In Brief BOLTON WANDERERS F.C. PLAYING STAFF 1986/87

Player	Position	Age	Birthplace	Previous Club	1985-86 League Apps.	Goals
Goalkeepers						
Simon FARNWORTH	G	23	Chorley	Juniors	31	-
David FELGATE	G	26	Blaenau F. Festiniog	Grimsby Town	27	-
Mike SALMON	G	22	Leyland	Stockport County	26	-
Defenders						
Mark CAME	CD	25	Exeter	Winsfield United	35	1
Phil NEAL	RB	36	Irchester	Liverpool	31	3
Jimmy PHILLIPS	LB/M	21	Bolton	Youth Team	33	1
Derek SCOTT	RB	29	Gateshead	Burnley	43	-
Dave SUTTON	CD	30	Tarleton	Huddersfield Town	32	2
Mark WINSTANLEY	CD	19	St. Helens	Youth Team	3	-
Midfielders						
Paul ATKINSON	M	25	Pudsey	Oldham Athletic	26	1
Julian DARBY	M/D	19	Bolton	Youth Team	2	-
Mark GAVIN	W	23	Bailestion	Carlisle United	20+1s	2
Asa HARTFORD	CM	36	Clydebank	Norwich City	46	5
Warren JOYCE	CM	22	Oldham	Juniors	31	4
Ian MULLINEUX	M/D	-	-	Youth Team	-	-
Steve THOMPSON	CM	22	Oldham	Juniors	35	8
Forwards						
Tony CALDWELL	CF	28	Salford	Horwich RMI	39+2s	10
Steve ELLIOTT	CF	28	Haltwhistle	Walsall	40+1s	16
George OGHANI	CF	26	Manchester	Hyde United	31+5s	7

Visiting Manager — Phil Neal

It was as an excellent, consistent right-back for Liverpool and England, that the man in charge of today's visitors was famed for. Phil Neal started out his soccer life as an apprentice at Northampton Town in 1967. He appeared in nearly 200 League Games for the Cobblers before his obvious talent came to the notice of Bill Shankley at Liverpool, who signed the 23 year old in October 1974 for £65,000. In the following eleven years, Phil collected nearly all the honours that the English club game had to offer. Eight League Championships, four League Cups, four European Cups, one U.E.F.A. Cup and Super Cup Winners Medals, plus fifty England Caps make the 36 year old (it was his birthday last week) the most decorated player in the Football League today. Arrived at Burnden Park, mid-way through last season as player manager played himself in 20 league games, and guided the club to Wembley (a place he already knew fairly well) in the Freight Rover Trophy Final. Coach at Bolton is one of Phil's former team-mates at Anfield, 30 year old COLIN IRWIN who played 29 league games in the Red's defence before moving on to Swansea.

Playing Staff

Much travelled DAVID FELGATE has recently displaced Mike Salmon in the Bolton goal. Born in North Wales slate mine country, David has represented his home country at Schoolboy level and also full International level.

He joined the Wanderers for the third time, three weeks ago. It was a fairly unusual signing, with Phil Neal purchasing David firstly on a 24 hour loan from Grimsby Town, to play against Fulham on February 7th, before making the deal permanent the following week. Started his career at Bolton, without ever making the first team, and has since given service to Rochdale (twice), Crewe, Lincoln (198 games), Cardiff and Grimsby. MIKE SALMON was on £18,000 close season signing from Stockport County. The 6ft. 2in. keeper played 134 times for the Edgeley Park side. Started his career at Blackburn Rovers, but after only one first team appearance moved on loan to Chester, before joining Stockport.

Right back DEREK SCOTT, was carried off the field on the opening day of the season against Swindon, suffering from broken ribs and a punctured lung after a collision with his own goalkeeper. Now back to first team action. The Gateshead born defender was captured from Burnley in June 1985 for a fee of £20,000. A vastly experienced player, he appeared in 285 league games for Burnley in eleven seasons at Turf Moor. Left back JIMMY PHILLIPS, is a product of the youth team. Bolton born, he turned professional for his home town club in August 1983, and can also play in the centre of defence or in midfield. President of Bolton's "Junior Whites". Tall central defender MARK CAME arrived at Burnden Park from non-league Winsford United in April 1984, making his debut the following September. He has since been a regular in the first team squad. 6ft. 2in. youngster MARK WINSTANLEY is a contender for a central defensive role. Made his league debut last March at Bournemouth. He has been in and out of the first team this season. Another tall central defender, 30 year old DAVE SUTTON, started his league career at Home Park, Plymouth as an apprentice. After four seasons on the south coast he moved north via Reading on loan, to Huddersfield Town, where he was a member of two promotion winning teams. After 284 appearances for the West Yorkshire side he joined Bolton in the summer of 1985. Dave was put on the transfer list at his own request in September.

Midfielder PAUL ATKINSON is Bolton's most recent acquisition. He signed on loan from Oldham Athletic just over two weeks ago. Started his career at Boundary Park, Oldham, making 158 appearances for them before £175,000 took him to first division Watford. He never got a first team chance at

Vicarage Road, and Oldham made a good profit when signing back for £30,000. He is a former England Youth International. WARREN JOYCE is now in his fifth season as a member of Bolton's midfield. Made his debut for the club he joined from school back in April 1983, when Bolton were a second division outfit, and has now over 150 appearances for the Burnden Park club. STEVE THOMPSON like Joyce was born in Oldham. Another midfielder he also joined the club straight from school. A very powerful striker of the ball, and one for defenders to keep an eye on. He and Joyce contributed a goal each in the 3-2 victory over Fulham on February 7th. Nineteen year old JULIAN DARBY can operate in midfield or defence. Another Bolton lad, he made his debut last March after graduating from the Youth ranks. He is a former England Schools International. Phil Neal is not the only former international at Bolton. ASA HARTFORD, was capped 50 times by Scotland. The midfield dynamo has vast league experience, which started at WBA in 1967/68. After seven seasons at the Hawthorns he joined Manchester City. Had a very brief spell at Nottingham Forest in 1979, where he did not see eye to eye with Mr. Clough, before joining Everton. A second spell at Maine Road, Manchester followed, before trying out the American scene with Fort Lauderdale. On his return to England with Norwich, he found fame with his winning goal in the 1985 Milk Cup Final. Was an ever-present for Bolton last season scoring against the Spireites in Bolton's 2-0 home victory. Youngster IAN MULLINEUX, made his league debut against Port Vale this season. A product of the club's youth scheme, he is also a capable left back. Winger MARK GAVIN, was Phil Neals first transfer buy, when he paid Carlisle a "small fee" for the former Leeds United player. He is at home on either flank, and is one to watch today, with his telling crosses with either foot. 'Gar' was sent off earlier this season against Bournemouth. He has also had a spell on loan at Hartlepool.

Centre forward STEVE ELLIOTT arrived at Bolton in the close season for a fee of £25,000 from Walsall. He started his career as a Nottingham Forest apprentice. Preston paid £95,000 for Steve and he replied with 75 goals in 228 games for them. After a spell at Luton, he arrived at Walsall where last season he scored 16 goals in 41 league appearances. Was sent off along with Gavin against Bournemouth. Both players missed the match against Chesterfield at Burnden Park this season through suspension. GEORGE OGHANI, arrived at Bolton in October 1983 from non-league Hyde United. The coloured striker started his career at Bury, but never made their first team. Was sent off in the Littlewood's Cup this season against his former club.

FORM REPORT

Form Report takes a look at Bolton's last six matches in League and Cup Competition.

- Feb. 14 1-1 Port Vale (A) (Elliott 60 mins.)
- Feb. 10 1-2 v Chester (H) (Came 65) FRT ¼ finals.
- Feb. 7 3-2 v Fulham (H) (Joyce 20, Thompson 62, Caldwell 79).
- Feb. 3 0-0 v Carlisle (A)
- Jan. 31 0-1 v Bournemouth (H).
- Jan. 27 2-1 v Burnley (H)
- (Allen 28, Caldwell 74) FRT 1st round.

Without a League or Cup Fixture last weekend, Bolton kept in trim with a 3-0 victory away at League status seekers Scarborough in a friendly.

STAR PLAYER — Tony Caldwell

(Centre forward) — No relation to our own Caldwell, Tony made an immediate impact at Bolton when he set a club and third division record with five goals in a game against Walsall in September 1983. He has been Bolton's top scorer for the last three seasons, and is leading marksman this season, scoring Bolton's goal against ourselves at Burnden Park and reaching 100 league goals with a strike against Bristol Rovers. Salford born Tony played non-league for Salford, Irlam Town, Hyde United and Horwich RMI, before signing for Bolton in 1983.

HISTORY — FACTS — STORIES — PLAYERS

Dave Lee looks at our visitors' past.



Bolton Wanderers are yet another of the once mighty Lancashire town teams to fall from footballing grace. Their fall has been more recent and less spectacular than some of their neighbours ('Proud' Preston have played Burnley in the fourth division this season) but fall it has certainly been. Seven years ago the club was still in the first division following a successful spell in the seventies (they were managed for a time by the current Mansfield boss Ian Greaves) when after several near misses they finally won the 2nd division championship in 1977/78. Following relegation from the top sphere the club was unable to consolidate their position in division two and further relegation followed in 1982/83. Their time in the third division has not been spectacularly successful, although last season they did appear at Wembley in the Freight Rover Trophy Final (they lost 3-0 to Bristol City), and they have spent most of their season struggling to prevent yet further demotion.

Bolton Wanderers F.C. was formed in July, 1874 under the aegis of a local church, indeed they were known as Christ Church F.C. until August 28th, 1877 when it was decided that the name should be altered to the present style (apparently the footballers had difficulty getting on with the vicar of the church whose title they had borne and unanimously decided to sever the religious connections). The name 'Wanderers' was chosen as in their early years the players had led something of a nomadic existence, playing their games on many different pitches. In their early years Wanderers were one amongst many teams in the Bolton area, they gradually gained the ascendancy over their local rivals and by 1881 were recognised as the leading team in the borough — indeed in that year their town council proposed that the club change their name to plain 'Bolton' to associate the town more closely with the club — the move was rejected.

The standard of the club continued to improve with prestigious friendlies being played against Scottish and Midland clubs as well as local cup ties against their Lancashire neighbours. They were early advocates of professionalism as were most of the then flourishing Lancashire town teams and this too improved the strength of the team although sometimes at the expense of harmony with the game's administrators — on one famous occasion the F.A. ordered an examination of Wanderers books in an attempt to prove that players were receiving illegal payments — this caused the club's secretary a busy night as he wrote a completely new set of books which showed the club's affairs to have been conducted within the F.A.'s regulations — Bolton escaped punishment.

Bolton were founder members of the Football League in 1888 along with the other, senior, Northern professional clubs. It is interesting now, after nearly one hundred years to consider the fortunes of the original members of the Football League. Six of the original twelve members were from Lancashire, Bolton, Accrington, Burnley, Blackburn Rovers, Preston North End and Everton. Of these Accrington could not stand the pace folding in 1892 rather than face relegation to the newly formed second division but the rest survived in glorious style usually in the first and sometimes in the second division until the turmoil caused by economic decline, the abolition of the maximum wage and the player's "freedom of contract". In these new conditions 'small' town teams could not compete with the rich 'big city' clubs. Thus Everton still flourish but the other clubs have declined so that only Blackburn retain a tenuous hold on their former glories by way of a place in the nether reaches of the second division. Of the other original members of the Football League only the 'big city' team of Aston Villa is currently in the first division. In total, of the original twelve, one is defunct, two play in division one, four play

in division two, two in division three and three in division four. The position has changed rapidly. In the 1957-58 season, 29 years ago, when today's visitors won the F.A. Cup by beating the much depleted Manchester United 2-0 at Wembley, seven of the original twelve teams were in the top flight including Champions Wolves and Runners Up Preston and the surviving four in division two including Blackburn who were promoted at the seasons end.

In total Bolton have played sixty seasons in division one, twenty two in division two and this is their sixth in division three. Despite their many years in the first division, Wanderers never finished higher than third. The club's glory was all earned in the F.A. Cup. They have appeared in seven F.A. Cup finals, winning four, including three successful games in the twenties. Bolton's final appearances have included some of the most interesting of such games, the first Wembley final when they beat West Ham in 1923, the Mathews final in 1953 when they lost to Blackpool and the already mentioned 1958 win over Munich decimated Manchester United when the whole country (apart from the citizens of Bolton) wanted United to win. One last point Bolton Wanderers are the least attractive side ever to visit Saltergate — that is the only conclusion that I can draw from the fact that our lowest ever home "gate" was against the Trotters — a mere 500 people turned up for a division two game in the 1899-1900 season — a record I hope will never be broken!

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We've Met Before — Paul Kellett looks at our past record.

Our first meeting with today's visitors — BOLTON WANDERERS came in our debut league season way back in 1899/1900 and the honours ended even at Saltergate, but at Burden Park we suffered a 3-0 defeat. Chesterfield's league visits to Bolton produced a home victory on the next six occasions and it was not until Dave Cauldwell scored the winning goal earlier this season that we were finally able to break this dismal record. However seventy six years ago we did manage a win in the F.A. Cup in 1910/11 when Chesterfield were a Midland League side and Bolton were in the second division.

The last meeting at Saltergate was in our final game of last season when we recorded a 3-0 victory, our biggest win ever against Bolton.

HOME					AWAY				
Result	Att.	Scorers	Season	Comp.	Result	Att.	Scorers		
3-3 D	C.500	Thacker, Munday, Gooing	1899/1900	D. 2	0-3 L	c. 9,000			
1-1 D	N.K.	Thacker	1903/04	D. 2	0-4 L	c.10,000			
1-0 W	N.K.	Taylor	1904/05	D. 2	3-4 L	c.10,000	Tomlinson 2, Taylor		
0-2 L	c. 5,000		1908/09	D. 2	0-4 L	c.12,000			
			1910/11	F.A. Cup (1)	2-0 W	6,129	Revill 2		
2-1 W	9,423	Wilson, Bell	1971-72	D. 3	0-1 L	5,607			
0-1 L	6,576		1972/73	D. 3	0-1 L	6,817			
3-0 W	3,183	Bellamy, Moss, O.G.	1985/86	D. 3	1-2 L	3,621	Walker		
			1986/87	D. 3	2-1 W	3,931	Moss, Caldwell		

League Summary 1899-1986

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.	% Won
Home	7	3	2	2	10	8	9	43
Away	8	1	0	7	6	20	3	13
Total	15	4	2	9	16	28	12	27

Equaliser Denied

Press reports of our game v. Notts. County last week concentrated on penalties, County's successful spot kick and our miss, but the Spireites, according to several players, equalised in the last minute. With Chesterfield pushing forward in the dying seconds, we got our 10th corner of the match, and as with the previous 9, Bob Bloomer floated the ball in to the near post. The ball was flicked on and fell to skipper Mick Henderson on the edge of the 6 yard box. Hendo had to stretch to reach the ball, but whilst almost on the floor he managed to hit the ball goalbound, only to see Mich Leonard save the shot right on the line. Chesterfield's Derek Walker and Darren Wood instantly appealed for a goal, but play went on and the whistle blew. 2-1 to Notts. Both players are adamant that the ball went a good few inches over the line before the keeper saved it. "The keeper caught it and fell forwards onto the line", said Darren, "The ball was definitely over the line when he got it", a view reinforced by Derek, "well over" said the Scot. Unfortunately it didn't count — so lets hope we get that slice of bad luck back this afternoon.

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Pictured down the right hand column are 3 photo's featuring 5 ex-Spireites. Name them all and (very difficult) name the 3 different grounds on which the photographs were taken.



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WORDSEARCH

Hidden in this afternoon's grid are twenty four names. Eighteen of them are the surnames of the scorers in last weekends eight F. A. Cup 5th round ties and the other six are the names of the teams that won the first match outright. Names are up, down, backwards, forwards or diagonal. Good Hunting.

SOCCER GIRL

CROSS OUT THE 16 TEAMS HIDDEN IN THE GRID AND THE REMAINING LETTERS WILL SPELL OUT SOCCER GIRL'S FAVOURITE CLUB.

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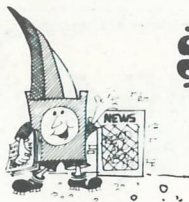
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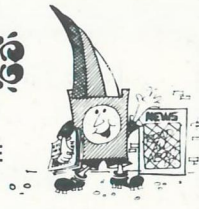
RAVEN LINK LAD

and Derek Bell (at Saltergate).
Crawford (at Sheffield United), Alan Birch
Waker, Steve Kendall (at Tammer), Alan
Jewell, Campbell. Picture Quiz: Shows Phil
Gynn, Allen, Christie, Bardsley, Thompson,
Ormsby, Rennie, Shelton, McAvennie,
Fashanu, Sayer, Hayes, Nicholas, Baird,
Tottenham, Wigan, Wilkinson, Hodges,
Wimbledon, Arsenal, Leeds, Coventry,
Supports West Brom. Wordsearch:
Anagram: Kevin Randall, Soccer Girl:

ANSWERS



TOWN TOPICS



NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE SALTERGATE SCENE



T. Coyle



O. Bernadeau

Coyle Keeps on Rails

Chesterfield's regular No. 7, Glasgow born Tony Coyle who last month celebrated his 27th birthday, had a close shave last Saturday, having to cadge a lift from director Roger Woodhead from Chesterfield railway station to Notts. County's Meadow Lane ground. The reason is that Tony who still lives in Stockport, always takes the train to Chesterfield but a crash at Chinley on Friday night meant a diversion around West Yorkshire to avoid the accident area. The man who's made the left side his own rang the club to say he wouldn't be able to get to the ground in time to catch the coach, hence Roger's late mercy dash to get Tony to Notts. even at 1 o'clock when the coach left Saltergate, it was by no means certain that Tony would get to the match on time, so manager John Duncan asked Ollie Bernadeau to travel to Notts. as cover — even though the frenchman had played in Chesterfield's reserve side that morning. Tony and Roger arrived in Nottingham in good time, but at around 12.30 p.m. that didn't look cut and dried.



Dave Caldwell



Tony Reid

Suspended

With Chesterfield's fairly small squad its rather unfortunate that this afternoon (and on Tuesday) we'll be without two of our most influential players, midfielder Tony Reid and top scorer Dave Caldwell. Nottingham born Reid was booked against Middlesbrough two weeks ago to take him over the 21 point penalty limit, whilst Caldwell (26) faces his second banishment of the season. With Gary Bellamy not making his anticipated return to action in the reserves last Saturday, John Duncan will probably have to pitch him in with his injury untried, with the small Saltergate squad stretched to the limit. Options open to John include bringing in two from Charlie Williamson, Bellamy, Andy Kowalski and Ollie Bernadeau, but with the first three primarily defenders and the latter mainly an attacking player, the balance of the side will be difficult to maintain. Does anyone out there envy Mr. Duncan his job?

Stockport Promoted Well Done Ernie!

When Ernie Moss and Phil Brown moved to division 4's bottom club Stockport County this Christmas, the Edgeley Park supporters hoped they'd help move the team up a few places to avoid demotion to non-league soccer. However, the pair, according to "Match Magazine" have already helped their new side into division 3! In an article entitled "Old Soldiers" the weekly soccer production features the 10 players in division 3 who've made the most league appearances, and in 2nd place, with 676 games to his credit is Ernie Moss, clearly marked down as playing for Stockport! At no. 1 spot in Bolton Wanderers player-boss Phil Neal and in 3rd place is his teammate Asa Hartford, both players are 36 years old. Also featured at No. 10 is our own Andy Kowalski, who (at 31.1.87) had 460 league games under his belt.

Don't Forget Tuesday

A brief reminder to regulars (and non-regulars) that we're here again this coming Tuesday (3rd March) against Gillingham in a Division 3 match starting at 7.30 p.m.



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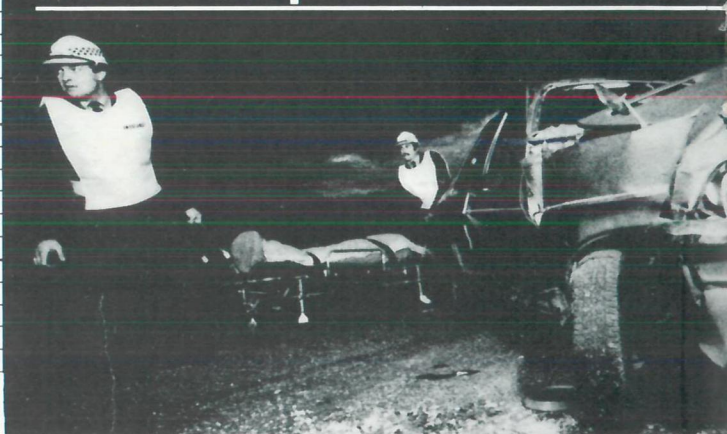
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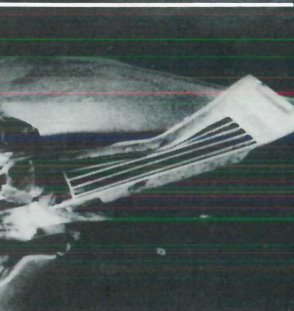
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AUG 30	(1) Walsall	(A)
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SEP 7	Mansfield Town	(A)
SEP 13	(2) Bristol City	(H)
SEP 16	(3) Rotherham Utd.	(H)
SEP 20	Middlesbrough	(A)
SEP 27	(4) Notts. County	(H)
SEP 30	Bolton Wanderers	(A)
OCT 4	Bristol Rovers	(A)
OCT 11	(5) Port Vale	(H)
OCT 18	Swindon Town	(A)
OCT 21	(6) Wigan Ath.	(H)
OCT 25	(7) Newport County	(H)
NOV 1	Gillingham	(A)
NOV 4	(8) Fulham	(H)
NOV 8	York City	(A)
NOV 15	Walsall (FAC)	(A)
NOV 22	AFC Bournemouth	(A)
NOV 29	(9) Bury	(H)
DEC 2	Middlesbrough FRT	(H)
DEC 9	Doncaster FRT	(A)
DEC 13	(10) Carlisle Utd.	(H)
DEC 19	Chester	(A)
DEC 26	(11) Doncaster Rovers	(H)
DEC 27	Darlington	(A)
JAN 1	Brentford	(A)
JAN 3	(12) AFC Bournemouth	(H)
JAN 25	(14) Mansfield Town	(H)
JAN 27	Rochdale FRT	(A)
JAN 31	Bristol City	(A)
FEB 7	Rotherham Utd.	(H)
FEB 14	(15) Middlesbrough	(A)
FEB 17	(13) Blackpool	(H)
FEB 21	Notts. County	(A)
FEB 28	(16) Bolton Wanderers	(H)
MAR 3	(17) Gillingham	(H)
MAR 8	Newport County	(A)
MAR 13	(18) Swindon Town	(H)
MAR 17	Wigan Ath.	(A)
MAR 21	Port Vale	(A)
MAR 29	(19) Bristol Rovers	(H)
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APR 18	(21) Brentford	(H)
APR 20	Doncaster Rovers	(A)
APR 26	(22) Chester	(H)
MAY 2	Bury	(A)
MAY 4	(23) Darlington	(H)
MAY 9	Carlisle Utd	(A)
MAY 16	FA Cup Final	
Walsall (A) to be arranged)		

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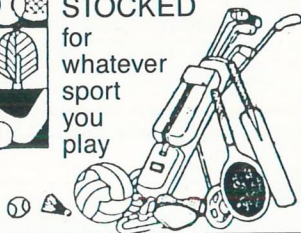
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Kevin Randall

The contribution made by David Pugh to our 1969-70 fourth division championship team is often underrated. The names of Archer and Fenoughty are talked of in reverent terms by those Spireites fortunate enough to have seen them but David's contribution as the third man in midfield was considerable. He only scored 4 goals that season but two of them came in the victory at Newport which took us to the top of the table. He also scored our first third division goal after promotion, equalising against Aston Villa. The Welshman was not a heavy goalscorer, with 212 league appearances producing just 12 goals, but there were many who disagreed with Joe Shaw's decision to sell him to Halifax in the Summer of 1973.

One of the greatest nights in Chesterfield's history came in October 1980 when the mighty **Rangers** were humbled 3-0 in the Anglo-Scottish Cup for a 4-1 aggregate victory. The first bit of glory came early in the month when we confounded the Scots, and especially their arrogant pressmen, with a well-deserved 1-1 draw at Ibrox with a Phil Walker goal direct from a corner. The equally arrogant Rangers manager, John Greig, saw fit to call Colin Tartt "the worst full-back in Europe" after the game and, given Tartt's popularity with the Saltergate fans, those words turned the return into a grudge match which just had to be won. And win, we did, aided by a pathetic performance from Rangers Scottish international keeper Peter McCloy, who dropped more crosses than Dracula. Phil Bonnyman, freed earlier in his career by Rangers, gratefully snapped up two goals and Ernie Moss added a third. Rangers, unbeaten in the Scottish League all that time even missed a penalty. The "Rangers News" club newspaper and the official Rangers programme never mentioned the defeat in the following weeks issues — I wonder why not?

Charlie Rackstraw, was one of my first Saltergate heroes. The Sheffield born inside forward was a member of the 1956 F.A. Youth Cup finalists and played for the first team for six years before being sold to Gillingham in the Summer of 1964. In all he scored 48 goals for the club in 172 league appearances. He also missed plenty — when the Saltergate end was first covered the only advert hanging from the roof read "Senior Service Satisfy" and rumour had it that Charlie had hit every letter of the advert in his time!

The best compliment that can be paid to **Kevin Randall** is that he is held in high regard by supporters of every club he played for. None more than Chesterfield, where we've even forgiven him for scoring the winning goal at Saltergate while he played for Mansfield. In the late sixties a fan on the kop usually well oiled with Mansfield Bitter, used to spend every game continually shouting "Give it to Randall". The catchphrase caught on, the rest of the team did as they were told and the result was 97 goals for Kevin (the third best total in the club's history) and countless others for Ernie Moss, Ivan Hollett and the rest of Kevin's team mates. Jim McGuigan didn't make many bad moves, but giving Kevin away to Notts. County for just £20,000 was one of them. Our picture shows Kevin around 20 years ago, not long after he signed for Chesterfield.

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Missed Penalties — An Update

Following Carl Airey's poor effort at Meadow Lane last Saturday, allowing the inevitably cynical Magpies to be let off the hook once again, I thought an update on our disgraceful penalty record was in order.

This season alone we have missed 5 penalties and scored only 6. None of our 4 penalty takers have managed not to miss one. Brian Scrimgeour's 2 misses at home to Bristol City and Walsall made no difference to the result but the other 3 have with Charlie Williamson's at Bristol Rovers turning victory into defeat, Gary Bellamy's against Bournemouth turning victory to a draw and Carl Airey's at Nottingham meaning a point thrown away. Now all-in-all during John Duncan's reign we have taken 42 penalties, scoring 26 and missing 16 — a disgraceful record for a club with a previously good record in this area.

Barry Siddall's Shirt

On a lighter note, the yellow shirt worn by Blackpool goalkeeper Barry Siddall at Saltergate 11 days ago was the first I can remember seeing in a first team competitive fixture since our F.A. Cup tie in 1968 against Skelmensdale United, the game when Ernie Moss scored his first senior goal.

Two Saltergate Defeats In A Season

Middlesbrough achieved the rare distinction, a fortnight ago, of losing twice at Saltergate in one season. The previous team to fall into this category was Oxford United in 1980-81 losing 2-1 in the league and 3-1 in the league cup. In the same season Sheffield United also lost twice, 1-0 in both the league and the F.A. Cup. Since the war only on seven other occasions has this occurred.

1976-77 Rotherham Utd. League Cup 3-1 League 2-1
1974-75 Grimsby Town League Cup 3-0 League 2-0
1972-73 Scunthorpe Utd. League Cup 5-0 League 2-1
1970-71 Halifax Town F.A. Cup 2-0 League 3-1
1964-65 Hartlepool Utd F.A. Cup 3-0 League 3-1
1956-57 Barrow F.A. Cup 4-1 League 3-2
1955-56 Chester F.A. Cup 1-0 League 2-1

New Fan

Finally, today I would like to welcome to Saltergate a new recruit to the Spireites cause, John Lawton who will be watching his fifth consecutive home game after his recent move to the area after much globe trotting taking in Kenya, Chesterfield and Bedfordshire. Today's match will be of great significance to John as he is at heart a Bolton fan.

John Taylor

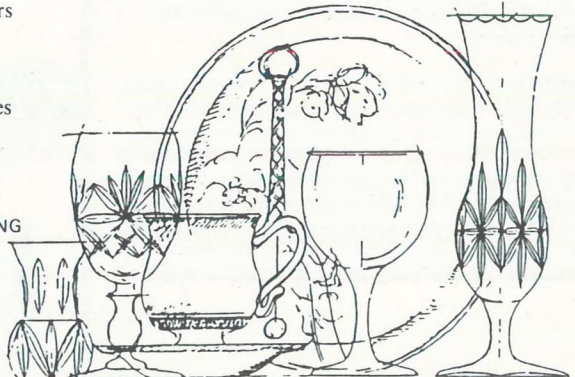
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HAT-TRICK HEROES

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In South Africa he received a gunshot wound which resulted in him having one arm amputated from the wrist down. He became known by wing-halves for sticking his stump into them as he fought for the ball, but he would always apologise profusely afterwards. Despite this handicap he was a city star in the wartime and post-war periods, scoring 75 goals in 166 league appearances. George scored all four city goals in a wartime league north game against Manchester United in 1946, then a year later collected five against Newport County.

Although signed principally by Chesterfield as a 'schemer' or goal provider George proved also to be a very consistent and reliable goalscorer and was the club's top league marksman in seasons 1953-54, 1954-55 and 1956-57. His goal scoring prowess reached a peak at Chesterfield in 1956 when he netted a hat-trick away at Rochdale.

Not until 1957 at the age of 36 did the years catch up on him and he was in and out of the side until January 1958 when he made his last appearance in the league team. At the end of the season George retired from league football and returned across the penines to take over as player-manager of Mossley in the Cheshire Counties League. He remained in non-league management for many years thereafter.

Hat-Trick File

18.4.56 v Rochdale 5-1 Away 3 goals.

	Appearances for C.F.C.			Goals		
	League	F.A. Cup	Total	League	F.A. Cup	Total
1951/52	30	2	32	8	-	8
1952/53	37	2	39	15(1p)	1	16
1953/54	41	5	46	19	1	20
1954/55	45	1	46	18	-	18
1955/56	38	2	40	18	1	19
1956/57	43	4	47	16	1	17
1957/58	16	-	16	3	-	3
Grand Total	250	16	266	97(1p)	4	101(1p)



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Crisis Club

Newport County are this week's claimants of the regular title of Crisis Club. Facing a winding-up petition, their manager Jimmy Mullen has (not surprisingly) taken up Ian Parterfield's offer to join him at Aberdeen as Assistant Manager. It is the third time Ian and Jimmy have teamed up, they were colleagues at Sheffield Wednesday and Rotherham United: County, currently run by an administrator appointed by the liquidators, have appointed Skipper John Lewis as caretaker boss for the rest of the season. Chief Executive Richard Ford though has got the boot — sacked as an economy measure. Speculation recently has revolved around an American chap called Jerry Sherman who could well come up with a sizeable sum to save the club. Watch this space!

On the Move

Port Vale have signed the ex-Wolves defender Bob Hazell from second division Reading; Steve Galliers has gone to Bristol City on loan from Wimbledon. I suspect a permanent move here. David Campbell, Nottingham Forest's Northern Ireland International midfielder has joined Notts. County on loan, the game v Chesterfield last week marked his home debut. Another Wimbledon man on the move is ex-Swindon striker Colin Gordon who has been temporarily transferred to promotion chasing Gillingham, our opponents here on Tuesday.

Cup News

Two division 3 clubs started in the F.A. Cup 5th Round last Saturday at 3 o'clock and both teams went into Monday's 6th round draw. Well done to Wigan Athletic who beat struggling second division side Hull City 3-0. Goals from Thompson, Jewell and Campbell, all in the second half delighted the 11453 crowd at Springfield Park to take the Latics two rounds further than their previous best. Walsall faced division 1 mid-table men Watford and after going a goal down in 90 seconds to a David Bardsley strike a Trevor Christie penalty equalised that deficit after half an hour. The scores stayed level, so the 15621 fans have to go through the nervousness of a replay to decide the outcome (these notes written before that Tuesday re-match).

Six-hits

Last Saturday saw Blackpool and Chester City both hit their opponents for six. After looking a shocking side at Saltergate 4 days earlier, the Seasiders came out of their shells to defeat lowly Bristol Rovers 6-1. Three up at half time, Blackpool allowed Rovers to pull one back after 67 minutes through David Mehew but 30 seconds later

the 3 goal advantage was restored as Craig Madden scored his first goal for his new club. Paul Stewart, their scorer at Saltergate, got 2 late goals to complete the rout. Mark Taylor (2) and Mike Davies got the first half goals. Chester City were 5-0 up at half time and 6-0 up after 56 minutes, but just as a cricket score seemed likely, 23rd placed Darlington held the improved Seals from further progress and the score stuck at six. The 2380 crowd saw Barrow (2), Graham, Bennett (2) and Rimmer score.

Back on Top

Middlesbrough re-claimed their No. 1 spot last week, beating Fulham 3-0 at Ayresome Park whilst temporary leaders Bournemouth lost 2-0 at 4th placed Bristol City in front of a 14539 crowd. Boro, Bournemouth and our conquerors Notts. County have opened up a useful gap at the top, but the next 4 sides are separated by just 1 point in the race for play off places; a great climax seems likely in our section this term.

Who's Next?

On Tuesday evening, Gillingham try to get back on a winning run here at Saltergate. Last week, despite being 2-1 up at fading Brentford with 12 minutes left, they lost 3-2 after Stevens (79 minutes) and Robbie Cooke with the last kick of the match turned defeat into victory for the Bees. Tony Cascarino, the Eire International, and debutant Colin Gordan scored for the Gills, who are now in 6th place. Seven days earlier, the Gills had disappointed a 4467 home crowd by losing 2-1 to Chester City. The Gillingham line up for that Chester match:

Hillyard, Haylock, Elsey, Quow, Weatherley, Greenall, Pritchard, Eves, Smith, Jacobs, Cascarino, Sub: Robinson. The Kent Side, managed by Keith Peacock, beat us 3-0 at Priestfield back in November.

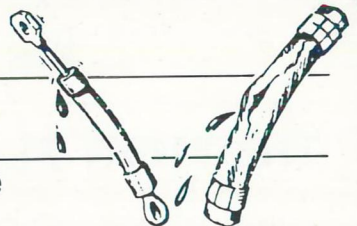
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RESERVE REVUE

Slow Progress

Junior professional Andy Taylor (19), the reserves leading scorer with 7 goals in 9 Midland Intermediate games is making slow progress in bidding to get back into action following a broken foot suffered late last year. The Chesterfield born striker, who made his league debut at Middlesbrough last September hasn't played since helping the second string beat Leicester City 5-0 on 22nd November, two weeks after his last league match at York City. Since then our Reserves strike rate has fallen dramatically with just 13 goals in the following 11 matches. With only trialists or inexperienced YTS lads to hold together our attack, Taylor's know-how at this level has been sadly missed, so hopefully the foot will take a turn for the better and get Andy back in action.



Andy Taylor



Charlie Williamson

New Men In

Four players made their first M.I.L. appearances of the season at Peterborough United 2 weeks ago. Carl Slinn and Phil Delaney, regulars in our Under 18 side came into the defence and triallist striker Gary Milner made his Blues debut against a side that joined the league at the start of this season, and who lost 6-1 at Saltergate back in September. The fourth new man was a familiar face to Saltergate staff, midfielder Andy Wood, who was with us last year on a YTS scheme. Andy contacted the club when he heard of the injury crisis here and he was invited to play at Peterborough. This season he's been with Staveley. The new men, together with YTS lads, and Dave Perry and Charlie Williamson couldn't prevent a strong home side from triumphing 4-2, our strikes coming from Perry and new boy Milner.

For the Record

14.2.87 Midland Intermediate League

Peterborough United 4, Chesterfield 2 (Perry, Milner)

Team: Elliott, Slinn, Stoppard, Delaney, Perry, Marriott, Trueman, Williamson, Milner, A. Wood, Hedley. Sub: Grisdale.

MIDLAND INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE FIXTURES AND RESULTS 1986-87

August			Score
23	H	Derby	1-2
30	A	Aston Villa	2-2
September			
6	H	Peterborough	6-1
13	A	Derby	Post.
20	H	Wolves	0-3
27	A	Walsall	2-3
October			
4	H	Shrewsbury	0-1
11	A	Coventry	0-1
18	H	Notts Co (Cup)	3-0
25	A	Leicester (Cup)	0-0
November			
5	H	Mansfield	4-0
8	H	Derby (Cup)	0-3
22	H	Leicester	5-0
26	A	Mansfield (Cup)	3-3
29	A	Wolves	Post
December			
6	A	Coventry (Cup)	1-1
13	A	Stoke	0-2
20	H	Nottm. Forest (Cup)	2-1
22	H	WBA	1-0
January			
3	A	Nottm. Forest	0-6
10	A	WBA	POST
17	H	Peterboro' (Cup)	POST
24	A	Birmingham	0-3
31	H	Port Vale	2-1
February			
7	H	Aston Villa	1-2
14	A	Peterborough	2-4
21	H	Birmingham	1-2
28	A	Port Vale	
March			
7	H	Nottm. Forest	
14	A	Mansfield	
21	H	Stoke	
28	A	Leicester	
April			
4	A	Shrewsbury	
11	H	Walsall	
18	A	Notts County	
May			
2	H	Coventry	
9	H	Notts County	

Reserve Appearances (Goals) League and Cup

Chris Marples 9, Steve Stoppard 15, Lee Coombes 6, Bob Bloomer 11(5), Darren Wood 15, Dave Perry 19 (1), Keith Jones 7 + 2, Andy Taylor 9 (7), Derek Walker 10 + 1 (5), Jason MacDonald 9, Richard Marriott 11 + 1, Darren Trueman 6 + 3, Robert Elliott 7, Andy Kowalski 15, Simon Grisdale 8 + 3 (3), Phil Brown 8 (4), Ollie Berndeau 14 (4), Lee Rogers 4 + 1, Andy Skelton 1, Tony Coyle 3, Shane Gibson 1, Mark Wing 0 + 1, Steve Baines 3, Gary Bellamy 1, Tony Reid 3, Shaun Breen 4, Brian Scrimgeour 5 (2), Charlie Williamson 11, Shaun Fowler 1, Jim Brown 3, Wayne North 1, Shaun Corder 1, Kevin Oldfield 7, Jamie Hewitt 1, Alan Pashley 5 (1), Phil Greaves 1, Neil Dougherty 1, Mark Hedley 5 (1), Richard Wilson 4, Greg Hollingworth 1, Carl Slinn 1, Phil Delaney 1, Gary Milner 1 (1), Andy Wood 2, own goal (1).

Match Briefs

Middlesbrough

What a match this was. Debutant Darren Wood pitched into the side right in the deep end against the then Divisional leaders. He and his colleagues sweated blood for the Spireites after our terrible start, a goal down after 4 minutes when Scottish marksman Bernie Slaven put boro ahead. With Mick Henderson solid in defence, Tony Reid and Bob Bloomer impressive in midfield and Dave Caldwell, after a 2 pm fitness test, leading our attack the Spireites clawed their way back through a Carl Airey penalty (36 mins.) and delight was obvious in the Chesterfield sections of the 4085 crowd when Caldwell turned his man to fire home on the stroke of half time. Resolute defending, supported by total commitment, saw us through the second half to give us a memorable victory.

Blackpool

A smaller crowd for this Tuesday evening match saw Chesterfield dominate a game, but come out with only 1 point in a 1—1 draw. Blackpool played blatant offside tactics, managed only 1 corner kick (to our 9) and after Paul Stewart's 10th minute goal to put the Seasiders 1—0 up, they troubled Chris Marples on only a couple of occasions, but experienced Barry Siddall in the visitor's goal earned his money with a string of fine saves, especially in the last 10 minutes as Chesterfield pushed everyone forward in search of victory. Scorer of our goal was Derek Walker, with a 28th minute header from a Bloomer corner kick. Three visitors found their way into referee Robinson's book and their cynical tactics (unfortunately and undeservedly) got them a share of the spoils. About the most 1 sided game this season!

Notts. County

A third consecutive game against top 10 opposition and with the half time score at 1—1 we were looking good for more reward. County took the lead after 21 minutes when Henderson fouled David Kevan to give away a penalty, which was converted by Ian McParland, totally against the run of play. Five minutes later Chesterfield's pressure was rewarded when end to end football was seen at its best. Notts. were attacking, hit the post, and from the clearance, Dave Caldwell broke clear down the left, got to the by-line and crossed for Bob Bloomer to head home his second goal of the season. First half (on points) to Chesterfield, but the hosts started period two in top gear and deserved their 74th minute lead, again from McParland with his 21st of the season. Despite dominating much of the second half, Notts. were lucky to win. We missed an 84th minute penalty and on several occasions came close to equalising.

From the Chair



One dyed-in-the-wool Chesterfield supporter was hoping his favourites would only get a draw at Notts. County's Meadow Lane ground last Saturday, not to enable him to win a fortune on the pools, but because he's got a soft spot for the Magpies!

Dave Foster, the wheelchair bound Spireite fanatic, was a bus driver before a tragic car accident 4 years ago left his legs paralysed, and one of his regular jobs was ferrying Notts. supporters to away games. "I want Chesterfield to win every match, bar this one" said Dave who hasn't missed a single league match this term, home or away. He watched the game from the touchline along with his Notts. supporting pal Tim Lynam and he was very disappointed when County didn't let us pinch a point. Having a drink with the players in the President's Lounge after the game, Long Eaton based Dave, who has visited all 92 league grounds, commiserated the troops as they entered, heads down in defeat. "I've seen it before and I'll see it again" commented Dave, who asks for his black and white dog Lucky to get a mention. "He keeps me going on the long drives to the away games", his master's voice revealed. "I think he's been to more grounds than most people". Dave drives his specially adapted Capri to most games, but occasionally travels by train, the Bournemouth game earlier this season took five hours each way. After around 20 years supporting the Spireites, Dave is as keen as ever, come rain or shine his wheelchair can be seen somewhere on the ground. If you see him — have a chat, or impress him even more by buying him a half of lager! Keep at it Dave.

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BASSON'S BEAT

"Don't forget to have your pens and programmes ready at ten to three, when this afternoon's Boardroom changes will be announced". The comments of one wag in the main stand do tend to sum up the outsider's view of what has been happening here over the past few months. Hopefully, the current round of 'musical Chairmen' will be the last for quite some time, and the chaps in the press box can be left to comment only on how well the team is doing at the moment. A great deal of credit should be reflected on the playing side of the business here, for the way in which they have achieved a real improvement in standards while all the various comings and goings have continued apace. As the composition of Chesterfield's board of Director's approaches that which seems to be the most popular amongst supporters, I look forward to a marked increase in support. Aside from the simple fact that the team deserve it, there were quite a lot of people that declined to come to the Rec' while one man was on the Board and another one wasn't. I've got the feeling that this team is in serious danger of achieving some measure of success over the next few seasons: I, for one, feel optimistic that the approaching calm on the political front will offer the conditions for success that have been lacking for a good while.

What a funny old game the Notts. County one was. We could have ended up with more penalties than the average World Cup Quarter-final: It is probably ironic that the one that clearly wasn't led to a goal, whereas the one that clearly was did not. Why did that linesman keep sticking his flag up whenever we attacked? He couldn't have been waving at his Dad. What a terrible team they are, to play the "off-side" game so blatantly at home! I would hope that the home directorate hung their heads in shame every time their defence came charging out. Your roving reporter, mindful of the fact that he got a terrible view by being stuck under a floodlight pylon last time he was there, went "undercover" and stood along the side. I was lucky enough to be amongst the "Jimmy Hills" of the County support, and heard some very complimentary things about our players. Perhaps the most complimentary thing was the way that certain players were roundly booed every time they got the ball, a sure sign that we'd got 'em rattled!

The Middlesbrough game offered a chance for some interesting observations of animal psychology, the subjects being the 'Boro fans that were sat around me. I was particularly charmed by certain ritualistic arm movements that were reminiscent of the days of hand jive, and I confess to being somewhat bewildered by the fact that they paid good money to sit down, only to spend most of the game on their feet. On second

thoughts, though, I suspect that to sit for too long may have placed an undue physical pressure on their brains. The most intriguing thing was the half-time performance of a small group who, having paid four quid for a seat, left to stand with their mates on the open end making the usual ritualistic arm-movements on the way. I am sure that the fact that they only went on to the terracing after the aggro had finished was of great significance.

The name of Bolton Wanderers brings to mind our audacious piece of giant killing, during the 1910-1911 season. Bolton, top of the second division, were well beaten by a Chesterfield side that was having an otherwise unremarkable season in the Midland League. A local football writer, looking for superlatives to describe the victory, proclaimed that "This win will be the salvation of football in Chesterfield!" As the town went barmy over the result. One local man, a trader named Dove, pointed to the number thirteen as the key to the club's success. It seems that the squad for the Bolton game contained thirteen players, and thirteen places were filled every time the team and its officials sat down to dinner at the club's Holymoorside training camp. The players' train departed from Sheffield and arrived in Manchester on platform thirteen. Mr. Dove, a staunch supporter of the club, was born on the thirteenth on January, and was the father of no fewer than thirteen children, who all lived, inevitably, at number thirteen, Holywell Street. Funny enough, the goal scored by Teddy Revill to give us the half-time lead at Chelsea in the next round was the thirteenth in Chesterfield's cup-run that season. The Pensioners, obviously had little time for superstition, because they stuffed four past us in the second half!

Good luck to Wimbledon: I hope they go all the way to Wembley and win it. If they take the cup home, they should take it home to Plough Lane, and forget all this merger business. For what it's worth, their supporters have my sympathy, as I remember well what it is like to have someone threaten to take your team away.

Finally, is anyone else getting browned off with hearing about Everton's injury crisis? If Howard Kendall really did not have one fit striker to put on the sub's bench at Wimbledon, what on earth was he doing selling one to Villa a few days earlier?

Enjoy the game,

Stuart Basson

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4 10	Historical Content
5 10	Division Round-up
6 5	Reserves News
7 10	Other Interesting Articles
8 10	Originality of Content
9 5	Photography
10 10	General layout and design
11 10	Value for money (based on Division and status)

Review No. 62. Darlington v Chesterfield 27.12.86 Div. 3

Cost: 50p **Pages:** 20 **Comments:** Simple, straight forward layout, with a colour cover and 7 pages of adverts. A brief intro from Cyril Knowles is followed by pen pics of the entire Spireites Squad. There's a page of "Quakers Encounters" covering previous games with us and the centre spread covers Darlington statistics, though there's no match by match line-up details. "Third Division Scene", "Famous Managers" (About Arthur Cox!) and a profile on Alan Roberts complete the programme. Adequate — that's about all.

Review No. 63 Brentford v Chesterfield 1.1.87 Div. 3

Cost: 60p **Pages:** 24 **Comments:** In addition to the normal 24 pages, this issue has a 4 page commercial news insert. As ever "Bee Sting" is a good, informative programme with a colour cover. Two pages of news start the programme and the now former boss Frank McLintoch has a say. Reasonable visitors section and a good Divisional round up. The never ending "Bee's History" is now on part 214 (1962-63) and there are a couple of pages devoted to individual views from supporters. The line up page features a sentence on each player in his name space. Top half of the table stuff, but not as good as past Bees issues. Eight and a half pages of ads.

Review No. 64 Bristol City v Chesterfield 31.1.87 Div 3

Cost: 50p **Pages:** 32 **Comments:** Thirty two attractive pages, but the content could be squeezed into a much smaller edition when taking account of 14 pages of ads and very thick red borders round every page which takes up lots of space. "Terry Talks", an average "Introducing Chesterfield" and "Jim's Diary" plus a 2 page news feature cover most of the editorial material, but there are lots of bits and bobs type items, good statistics and lots of pictures in a value for money issue with room for improvement.

Review No. 65 Rotherham Utd. v Chesterfield 7.2.87. Div. 3

Cost: 50p **Pages:** 20 **Comments:** Terrible issue last season — improved this term, though still a long way to go. Colour cover, 9½ pages of ads and 2 pages of pictures leave room for only "Norman Hunter Writes", "Days gone by", "With the Reserves", "Round and About", "Welcome to Millmoor" and various items of commercial and supporters news. Nothing dramatically original, but a definite improvement on last season. Another 4 or 5 years of continued movement in that direction and United will be looking for a respectable position in the programme stakes.

	3	5	4	6	6	0	3	3	2	4	4	Total
Darlington	3	5	4	6	6	0	3	3	2	4	4	40
Brentford	7	6	7	7	7	0	7	6	4	7	6	64
Bristol City	8	5	8	0	2	4	5	5	5	5	6	53
Rotherham Utd.	7	3	5	6	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	43

Arthur Cox

As mentioned in the review of the Darlington programme, there's a ¾ page article entitled "Famous Managers" which features ex-Chesterfield boss Arthur Cox. Of Cox and Chesterfield, the item says "When Arthur took on his first full managerial appointment at Chesterfield in 1976, they were struggling in the lower reaches of division 3, but in 1980 when he moved on to Newcastle, they were a point off promotion to Division Two". Also in the Quakers programme Carl Airey was mentioned for scoring 2 goals for Darlington v Chesterfield in the Freight Rover Trophy. Carl hadn't joined Chesterfield when the programme was printed, so many Darlington fans were surprised to see him in our line up. One more ex-Spireite in the programme was Dennis Wann, who had a loan spell here in 1975-76. He's on an old Darlington team photo from 1976-77.

Colour Pics

All 4 featured programmes today feature full colour covers and the occasional colour pic inside. Most Division 3 and 4 clubs who have colour programmes are forced to economise by having the colour printing for the entire season run off in one go, leaving just the script to "lay over" a day or two before the game. Unfortunately, from time to time teams get caught out. Brentford carry a colour picture of Frank McCintock, who a few weeks after our visit to Griffin Park parted company with the club and Bristol City's ex-skipper Bobby Hutchinson is featured on his teams cover despite now playing his football with Walsall. Both Brentford and Bristol will have to carry on with out-of-date pictures, or scrap valuable paper which has already been printed.

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H	JAMIE HEWITT	2	DEREK SCOTT	O
E	LEE ROGERS	3	JIMMY PHILLIPS	L
S	DARREN WOOD	4	WARREN JOYCE	T
T	BOB BLOOMER	5	JULIAN DARBY	O
E	GARY BELLAMY	6	MARK CAME	N
R	TONY COYLE	7	TONY CALDWELL	W
F	CARL AIREY	8	STEVE THOMPSON	A
I	OLLIE BERNADEAU	9	STEVE ELLIOTT	N
E	MICK HENDERSON	10	PAUL ATKINSON	D
L	DEREK WALKER	11	MARK GAVIN	E
D		12		R

Mascot



Neil Hutchinson
Aged 8

Today League Division 3 1986/87

	HOME					AWAY					Pts	
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A			
Middlesbrough	29	10	2	2	25	9	7	5	3	21	13	58
Bornemouth	29	12	2	1	31	13	4	5	5	16	20	55
Notts. County	29	11	3	1	37	12	5	3	6	17	21	54
Bristol C.	28	8	4	2	27	10	6	2	6	16	14	48
Swindon	27	8	1	4	24	16	6	5	3	20	15	48
Gillingham	29	10	3	2	27	10	4	3	7	16	23	48
Blackpool	28	8	5	1	27	10	4	6	4	25	22	47
Wigan	27	8	4	2	31	17	5	1	7	22	25	44
Mansfield	30	6	6	3	20	16	4	7	4	14	16	43
Doncaster	28	10	4	1	26	9	1	2	10	14	31	39
Chesterfield	30	8	3	4	30	26	2	6	7	13	22	39
Rotherham	31	5	4	7	19	20	5	2	8	17	26	36
Fulham	30	5	5	5	24	27	3	6	6	20	26	35
Port Vale	28	4	5	5	23	19	4	4	6	18	23	33
Brentford	29	6	4	5	26	23	2	5	7	13	25	33
Chester	27	3	8	3	22	20	3	6	4	18	18	32
Walsall	25	7	2	3	27	18	2	3	8	17	30	32
Bury	29	5	3	6	19	20	3	5	7	19	22	32
Bolton	29	6	3	6	25	20	2	5	7	14	24	32
York	27	7	5	2	21	17	1	2	10	12	31	31
Bristol R.	27	3	5	3	11	14	5	2	9	19	35	31
Newport	28	1	7	5	14	19	4	3	8	17	25	25
Darlington	26	5	4	4	13	15	0	5	8	14	32	24
Carlisle	28	5	3	6	18	21	1	2	11	9	28	23

Appearances and Goalscorers 1986 - 87

	League		Cups	
	Apps.	Goals	Apps.	Goals
Jim Brown	16	-	5	-
Jamie Hewitt	26	1	5	-
Charlie Williamson	15	1	3	-
Gary Bellamy	26	2	6	1
Brian Scrimgeour	19+1	4	5	1
Tony Reid	26	3	4+1	-
Steve Kendall	6	-	2	-
Ernie Moss	19	8	4	-
Dave Caldwell	24	11	4	-
Mick Henderson	30	1	5	-
Tony Coyle	20+2	1	4	-
Lee Rogers	18+2	-	5	-
Derek Walker	13+1	2	4+2	-
Bob Bloomer	11+5	2	2+2	-
Andy Taylor	2	-	0+1	-
Phil Brown	10	1	2	1
Ollie Bernadeau	4+3	-	0+2	-
Andy Kowalski	6+6	-	0+1	-
Lee Coombes	1+2	-	-	-
Chris Marples	14	-	1	-
Steve Baines	4	1	-	-
Phil Greaves	5	-	2	-
John Lowey	2	-	2	-
Carl Airey	10	3	1	-
Dave Perry	0+1	-	-	-
Darren Wood	3	-	-	-
Own Goals	-	2	-	1

Man in the Middle — Paul Vanes

Last season Paul refereed our 2-0 win over Rotherham United (August 1985) thanks to goals from Ernie Moss and Phil Brown. An automobile project engineer who has been a ref. for 15 years, Mr. Vanes is one of those loonies who runs marathons, manages a local youth football team and in 1984 he lined an F.A. Cup Semi-final. A Midland's based man, Paul's next league match is on 14th March, Fulham v Wigan.

Linesmen

Red Trim:
K. Leach
Yellow Flag:
I. Murray